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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-09-97

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL CAL-LEARN COORDINATORS  
ALL CAL-LEARN CONTRACT CASE MANAGEMENT AGENCIES  
ALL AFDC PROGRAM SPECIALISTS

SUBJECT: ELIMINATION OF THE STATE-ONLY AID TO FAMILIES WITH  
DEPENDENT CHILDREN (AFDC) AND STATE-ONLY PREGNANCY  
SPECIAL NEED PAYMENTS AND THE EFFECT ON CAL-LEARN TEENS

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTERS 96-38 AND 96-45

The purpose of this All County Information Notice is to provide counties clarification regarding the elimination of the State-only AFDC and the State-only pregnancy special need payments for pregnant and parenting teens who have not completed high school or its equivalent, and are under age 19 and are otherwise eligible for AFDC.

The federal waivers that implemented the Cal-Learn program made teens otherwise eligible for AFDC and meeting Cal-Learn program eligibility requirements (Manual of Policy and Procedures (MPP) Section 42-762.7) federally eligible for AFDC and the pregnancy special needs payment during the first and second trimester of pregnancy. In addition, California provided State-only AFDC and State-only pregnancy special need payments to all other pregnant women.

With Senate Bill (SB) 1780 (Chapter 206, Statutes of 1996), California eliminated the State-only program and, effective September 1, 1996, pregnant women, **except for teens eligible for Cal-Learn**, must be in their third trimester of pregnancy, as defined in MPP Section 44-211.61, and be otherwise eligible to receive AFDC benefits and the pregnancy special need payment.

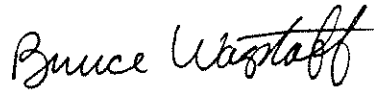
SB 1780 specified that pregnant women eligible for Cal-Learn are eligible to receive aid any time after verification of pregnancy. Therefore, an otherwise AFDC-eligible pregnant teen under the age of 19, who has not obtained a high school diploma or its equivalent, continues to qualify for AFDC payments as well as the pregnancy special needs payment. Beginning September 1, 1996, a Cal-Learn participant who turns 19 or obtains a high school diploma or its equivalent prior to her third trimester of pregnancy (if she is not already a parent), would become ineligible for these two programs. Eligibility would resume at her third trimester of pregnancy if she is otherwise eligible for AFDC payments.

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- ☐ State Law Change
- ☐ Federal Law or Regulation Change
- ☐ Court Order or Settlement Agreement
- ☒ Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- ☐ Initiated by CDSS

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If you have any questions regarding the elimination of the State-only AFDC or the State-only pregnancy special need payments as they pertain to Cal-Learn eligible teens, please contact your county's Cal-Learn program analyst at (916) 657-2144.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce Wagstaff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

BRUCE WAGSTAFF  
Deputy Director  
Welfare Programs Division